



WAKE THE GIANT

2021 UCF BASEBALL GAME NOTES

11 Conference Championships | 13 NCAA Regional Appearances | 108 MLB Draft Picks

GAME INFORMATION

Date: Mar 5 | Mar 7
Time: Fri. 2 p.m. | Fri. 6 p.m. | Sun. 11 a.m.
Site: Orlando, Fla.
Stadium: John Euliano Park
Watch: ESPN+
Live Stats: ucfknights.co/stats

WEEKEND SERIES 3



UCF KNIGHTS

RECORD: 3-5, 0-0
CONFERENCE: The American
HEAD COACH: Greg Lovelady, Miami '01
CAREER RECORD: 253-129 (.662)
SCHOOL RECORD: 129-73 (.639)



LIBERTY FLAMES

RECORD: 3-5, 0-0
CONFERENCE: Atlantic Sun Conference
HEAD COACH: Scott Jackson, Campbell '98
CAREER RECORD: 120-82 (.594)
SCHOOL RECORD: 120-82 (.594)

2021 SCHEDULE

February schedule table with columns for date, opponent, and result.

march schedule table with columns for date, opponent, and result.

april schedule table with columns for date, opponent, and result.

may schedule table with columns for date, opponent, and result.

25-30 The American Championship
NCAA Regionals
6/18-6/30 NCAA Super Regionals
College World Series

Home games in bold
* Denotes games in The American
All game times are EST.

KNIGHT NOTES

leading off

- The Knights return to the diamond after a COVID-19 shortened 2020 campaign with a 15-3 overall record, and were ranked as high as No. 12 by four of the major six national baseball polls.
UCF enters the third weekend of the season with a 3-5 record, after winning their first weekend series of the year at No. 1 ranked Ole Miss a week ago
The Knights (3-5) are heading into their first full weekend series at home to host the Liberty Flames for the first time since 1991.
UCF sits 5-0 all-time against Liberty, with all five meetings coming in Orlando, and their first meeting taking place in 1986.
Freshman, Alex Freeland leads the Knights with a .484 clip at the plate and has plated eight runs.
Ben McCabe has opened the season on a tear, showing off the power with four home runs to lead the Knights, who have slugged 12 as a team.
McCabe's 16 RBI are one shy of leading the nation, and is tied for second on the national leaderboards

downing no. 1 ole miss

- Dating back to 2018, UCF is 4-1 in their last four contests with the No. 1 ranked team in the country
With the series victory, the Knights are now 4-7 all-time vs. Ole Miss
UCF is 9-3 vs. the SEC since 2018, with four victories over No. 1 ranked opponents
The three Knights starting pitchers vs. No. 1 Ole Miss combined for 18 innings, a 2.50 ERA, 1.11 WHIP, 23 strikeouts, and four walks.
Ben McCabe went 4-12 at the dish in Oxford, tallying two home runs and a double to accumulate five RBI on the weekend. McCabe now leads the Knights with 3 doubles, 4 home runs, 14 RBI, and holds a .853 SLG%.
Freshman Alex Freeland went 6-for-11 on the road trip, raising his season average to .500 to lead the Black and Gold in the category

weekly conference honors

- AJ Jones was named the American Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week after his performance in game three of the weekend series against No. 1 ranked Ole Miss
Jones tossed 6.0 IP in his first win of the season, striking out 10 Ole Miss batters - the most by a single pitcher against the Rebels so far this year.

preseason honors

- Colton Gordon and Jack Sinclair brought in the first accolades of the 2021 campaign as the pair of Knights were named to the American Athletic Conference Preseason All-Conference Team in late December.
Redshirt sophomore Colton Gordon posted a 2-0 record with a 2.35 ERA over 23.0 innings of work, the most of any Knights pitcher.
Jack Sinclair made eight appearances out of the bullpen in 2020, tied for the most on the Knights roster. Sinclair racked up 20 strikeouts in just 12.1 innings of work and maintained a 1.35 ERA
Freshman Alex Freeland also reigned in preseason honors as the d1baseball.com American Athletic Conference Preseason Freshman of the Year. The Cape Coral, Fla. native was also tabbed No. 27 on the Top 500 Incoming Freshman by Perfect Game.

A WIN WOULD

- Be better than a loss

A SERIES WIN WOULD

- Be the first series win at John Euliano Park for the Knights in 2021

A SWEEP WOULD

- Give the Knights their first winning record of 2021
Be the first Sweep of the year

SERIES NOTES

Table with columns for LIBERTY, H, A, N, PS, N/A, and UCF, showing historical series results.

STARTING ROTATION

Table showing starting rotation for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, including pitcher names and stats.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Table comparing UCF and Liberty across various offensive and defensive metrics.





SERIES SNAPSHOT

OPP	GP	AVG	R	H	SB-AT	ERA	BB	K	TOP PITCHER	TOP HITTER
FLORIDA ATLANTIC	3	.302	36	35	1-3	10.04	19	31	DAVID LITCHFIELD	BEN MCCABE
OLE MISS	3	.262	15	28	7-8	3.04	6	29	AJ JONES	BEN MCCABE
LIBERTY										
NORTH FLORIDA										
JACKSONVILLE										
TROY										
SOUTH FLORIDA										
CINCINNATI										
SOUTH FLORIDA										
EAST CAROLINA										
MEMPHIS										
WICHITA STATE										
TULANE										
HOUSTON										
AAC CHAMPIONSHIP										

MIDWEEK SNAPSHOT

OPP	AVG	R	H	SB-AT	ERA	BB	K	TOP PITCHER	TOP HITTER
STESTON	.125	0	4	0-0	7.00	4	11	BEN VESPI (2.0 IP, 3 K, 0 ER)	GEPHRY PENA (1-3, BB)
STETSON	.188	5	6	4-4	5.00	2	6	JACK SINCKAIR (3.0 IP, 0 ER)	GEPHRY PENA (2-4, 2 R, 2B)
FLORIDA ATLANTIC									
FLORIDA STATE									
JACKSONVILLE									

RECORD WHEN

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
UCF SCORES	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
OPP SCORES	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2

RECORD WHEN

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
UCF LEADS AFTER	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	3-0	3-1
UCF TRAILS AFTER	0-2	0-4	0-4	2-4	2-4	1-4	0-3	0-3
GAME IS TIED AFTER	3-2	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0

THE SCORING

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	Total
UCF	0	3	2	3	5	10	11	5	12	-	51
OPP.	5	18	0	10	1	1	1	12	7	-	55

THE AMERICAN

SCHOOL	CONF	CPCT.	OVERALL	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	STREAK
Memphis	0-0	0.000	4-0	1.000	3-0	0-0	1-0	W4
East Carolina	0-0	0.000	6-1	0.857	4-0	2-1	0-0	W1
Houston	0-0	0.000	6-1	0.857	4-0	2-1	0-0	W2
USF	0-0	0.000	4-3	0.571	4-2	0-1	0-0	W4
Tulane	0-0	0.000	3-4	0.429	2-2	1-2	0-0	L2
UCF	0-0	0.000	3-4	0.429	0-2	3-2	0-0	W1
Wichita State	0-0	0.000	2-3	0.400	2-3	0-0	0-0	W1
Cincinnati	0-0	0.000	1-5	0.167	0-0	1-5	0-0	W1



QUICK FACTS

general information

School Name: University of Central Florida
 Location: Orlando, Fla.
 Founded: 1963
 Enrollment: 72,000+
 Nickname: Knights
 Colors: Black and Gold
 Affiliation: NCAA Division I
 Conference: American Athletic Conference, The American
 Interim President: Dr. Thad Seymour (Texas A&M '83)
 Athletics Director: Terry Mohajir (Arkansas St. '93)
 Baseball Administrator: David Hansen (Florida '92)
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program information

First Year of Baseball: 1973 (49th Season)
 All-Time Record: 1618-1072-10 (.601)
 Division I Record: 1,285-802-1 (.613)
 Postseason Record: 18-26 (.409)
 Record in The American: 64-79 (.447)
 Championships in The American: 1 (2017)
 Tournament Championships in The American: 0
 Record in The American Tournament: 7-11 (.388)
 Conference Championships: 11 (Last 2017)
 NCAA Regional Appearances: 12 (Last 2017)
 NCAA Regional Titles: 0
 NCAA Super Regional Appearances: 0
 NCAA Super Regional Titles: 0
 College World Series Appearances: 0
 National Championships: 0

stadium information

Name: John Euliano Park (Renamed 2018)
 Capacity: 3,841
 Field Dimensions: LF - 320, CF - 390, RF - 320
 Alleys: LCF - 360, RCF - 360
 Surface: Natural Grass
 Record at John Euliano Park: 433-219 (.667)

staff information

Head Coach: Greg Lovelady (Miami '01)
 Record at UCF: 111-56 (.665)/3rd Season
 Career Record: 235-121 (.660)/6th Season
 Contact Info for Coach Lovelady: Collin Yeager
 Baseball Office Phone: (407) 823-4869
 Asst. Coach: Nick Otte (Indiana '02)/2nd
 Asst. Coach: Ted Tom (Shawnee State '04)/3rd
 Asst. Coach: Chris Cates (Louisville '07)/1st
 Director of Operations: Stephen Branca (Tenn. Wesleyan '12)
 Student Managers: Peter Amalbert and Tyler

2021 team information

Position Starters Returning/New: 6 / 2
 Position Players Returning/New: 12 / 6
 Pitchers Returning/New: 13 / 5
 Newcomers: 11
 Newcomers Pitchers/Position Players: 6 / 5

UCF KNIGHTS... that's it...that's who we are... call us that

Please refer to the University of Central Florida as UCF when shortening the title. Derivatives such as C. Florida, Cent. Florida and C. Fla., should not be used.

Also only call UCF the Knights, not the Golden Knights.
 REPEAT - **NOT THE GOLDEN KNIGHTS...** it's been over a decade.

UCF KNIGHTS

(Please don't make the SID come talk to you during the game.)

SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

batting

At-Bats 56, (2 times) last Monmouth (16 inn.), 3/9/08
 Runs Scored 29, UAB, 4/24/09 & Armstrong State, 4/30/87
 Hits 28, Hartford, 3/14/10 & 28, UAB, 4/24/09
 Doubles 10, Monmouth, 3/3/06
 Triples 5, (3 times) last Florida Memorial (8 inn.), 4/14/79
 Home Runs 7, (2 times) last at Troy, 5/6/05
 RBI 26, UAB, 4/24/09 & Florida Memorial 4/14/79
 Total Bases 58, Florida Memorial (8 inn.), 4/14/79
 Walks 19, LIU Brooklyn, 2/17/12
 Strikeouts 19, vs. Oklahoma, 5/11/18
 Stolen Bases 13, Colby, 3/29/88
 Hit By Pitch 8, Manhattan, 2/24/17 & Wagner, 3/11/06
 Sacrifice Hits 5, (2 times) last Eckerd, 4/12/84
 Grand Slams 2, (30 times) last vs. Cincinnati, 4/14/18
 Average .605, Grace (23-for-38), 4/3/85

pitching

Innings 17.0, Rollins, 4/29/82
 Hits 28, Miami (Fla.), 5/12/85
 Runs 28, Miami (Fla.), 5/12/85
 Earned Runs 28, Miami (Fla.), 5/12/85
 Walks 20, Miami (Fla.), 3/9/78
 Strikeouts 19, Bethune-Cookman, 3/21/17
 Wild Pitches 7, LSU, 3/1/09 & Maryland, 2/16/07
 Pickoffs 5, Rider, 2/24/96

batting

At-Bats 8, (2 times) last Eric Kallstrom Mon. (16 inn.), 3/9/08
 Runs Scored 6, D.J. Hicks UAB, 4/24/09
 Hits 6, (2 times) last Tommy Williams at BCU, 3/17/15
 Doubles 4, (3 times) last Shane Brown Tulane, 5/21/10
 Triples 3, Wayne Gardner Fla. Memorial, 4/14/79
 Home Runs 4, (3 times) last Dalton Wingo at FAU, 5/14/19
 RBI 8, (2 times) last George Cox Charl. Southern, 2/26/02
 Total Bases 13, (2 times) last Logan Heiser at FSU, 3/11/15
 Walks 5, Vince Zawaski SIU-Edwardsville, 3/29/86
 Strikeouts 5, (2 times) last Rylan Thomas at USF, 4/8/17
 Stolen Bases 6, (2 times) last Tony Marilla West Virginia, 3/18/93
 Hit By Pitch **3, (4 times) last Ben McCabe Cincinnati, 4/12/19**
 Sacrifice Hits 2, (36 times) last Kam Gellinger at USF, 5/14/15
 Grand Slams **1, (30 times) last Tom Josten FAU, 2/19/20**

pitching

Innings 17.0, Tommy Foy Rollins, 4/29/82
 Hits 13, (7 times) last Owen Dew ECU, 5/15/10
 Runs 11, (4 times) last Austin Hudson ECU, 3/20/09
 Earned Runs 9, (2 times) last Jules Van Lunduyt Stetson, 4/10/93
 Walks 8, Chris Matulis Rice, 4/12/13
 Strikeouts 18, (3 times) last Jay Scott Bradley, 3/15/88
 Wild Pitches 6, Caleb Graham LSU, 3/1/09
 Hit By Pitch 6, Mitch Houck Missouri, 2/25/08
 Pickoffs 5, Tim Riegert Rider, 2/24/96
 Balks 2, (5 times) last Kyle Sweat UAB (10 inn.), 5/9/08

fielding

Putouts 19, Shane Brown Mon. (16 inn.), 3/9/08
 Assists 11, Carlos Morales Bethune-Cookman, 2/29/88
 Errors 4, Griffin Bernardo 2x last vs. UConn, 4/7/18

2021 RECORD RUNDOWN

	All	Conf.	Lovelady
Overall	3-5	-	129-62
Conference	-	-	39-32
at Home	0-2	-	90-36
on the Road	3-3	-	36-30
at Neutral Sites	-	-	4-7
Ranked Teams	2-1	-	26-28
Top-10 Teams	2-1	-	9-7

Day Games	3-1	-	43-32
Night Games	0-4	-	85-39
Midweek Games (Tue-Wed)	0-2	-	36-19
Weekend Games (Thur-Sun)	3-3	-	93-54
1-Run Games	1-2	-	29-22
2-Run Games	-	-	19-11
5+ Run Games	2-3	-	55-20
Extra-Inning Games	-	-	11-3
Shutouts	0-1	-	21-7

Starter lasts 5+ innings	2-1	-	90-38
Starter lasts <5 innings	1-4	-	39-35
Staff strikes outs <10	1-3	-	55-44
Staff strikes out 10-14	2-2	-	64-28
Staff strikes out 15+	-	-	10-1

When UCF scores first	2-2	-	81-25
When Opp. scores first	1-3	-	48-46
Scoring 0-2 runs	0-1	-	8-23
Scoring 3-5 runs	1-2	-	33-38
Scoring 6-9 runs	1-1	-	52-11
Scoring 10+ runs	1-1	-	37-1
Opponent scores 0-2 runs	2-0	-	75-3
Opponent scores 3-5 runs	-	-	33-20
Opponent scores 6-9 runs	1-3	-	17-35
Opponent scores 10+ runs	0-2	-	3-13

Outhit opponents	1-1	-	97-13
Outhit by opponents	2-3	-	20-55
Tied hits	0-1	-	11-5
Made no errors	1-2	-	53-18
Made 1 error	1-1	-	46-19
Made 2 or more errors	1-2	-	36-33
Leading after 7 innings	3-0	-	103-11
Trailing after 7 innings	0-4	-	13-56
Tied after 7 innings	0-1	-	13-4
Walk-offs	0-1	-	15-5

On Tuesday	0-1	-	21-14
On Wednesday	0-1	-	11-7
On Thursday	-	-	3-1
On Friday	1-1	-	36-13
On Saturday	1-2	-	31-25
On Sunday	1-0	-	16-15
Series Openers	1-1	-	39-15
Middle Games	0-2	-	27-11
Series Finales	2-0	-	36-19
In February	3-4	-	32-12
In March	-	-	42-21
In April	-	-	30-20
In May	-	-	24-16
In June	-	-	0-2

The Pins (Pinstripes)	0-1	-	
The Camos	0-2	-	
The Whites (White Knights)	-	-	
White Heat (Pegasus)	0-1	-	
Black Ice (All Black)	-	-	
The Grays	2-1	-	
The Scripts	1-	-	





UCF ROSTER

No.	Name	B/T	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School
1	David Litchfield	R/R	RHP	6-0	175	R-Jr.	Longwood, Fla. / St. John's River State
2	Matt Archer	R/R	INF	5-9	179	Fr.	Fort Salonga, N.Y. / St. Thomas Aquinas
3	Nick Gottilla	L/L	LHP	6-0	176	Fr.	Davenport, Fla. / Davenport Assumption
4	Vince Bonanni	R/R	RHP	6-3	195	Fr.	Jupiter, Fla. / Cardinal Newman
5	Trent Taylor	R/R	UTL	6-0	185	Jr.	Merritt Island, Fla. / Daytona State College
6	Tom Josten	S/R	INF	6-2	200	So.	Palatine, Ill. / Marshalltown CC
7	Jordan Rathbone	R/R	OF/UTL	5-11	200	R-Sr.	Spokane, Wash. / South Mountain CC
8	AJ Jones	R/R	RHP	6-5	220	Sr.	Sarasota, Fla. / Jacksonville University
10	Colton Gordon	L/L	LHP	6-4	225	R-So.	Bradenton, Fla. / Hillsborough CC
11	Kenny Serwa	R/R	RHP	6-1	192	R-Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Saint Patrick / SIU-Edwardsville
12	Jack Sinclair	R/R	RHP	6-4	170	Jr.	Coral Springs, Fla. / J.P. Taravella
13	Billy McKay	R/R	RHP	6-1	205	R-Jr.	Plant City, Fla. / Polk State College
15	Zack Bennett	R/R	RHP	6-0	220	Fr.	Port Orange, Fla. / Spruce Creek
16	Hunter Patteson	L/L	LHP	6-4	170	Fr.	Vero Beach, Fla. / Vero Beach High School
17	Nick Romano	R/R	1B	6-3	234	Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / Hillsborough High School
18	Zack Hunsicker	R/R	RHP	6-4	230	So.	Wentzville, Mo. / Francis Howell
20	Michael Brooks	R/R	INF	5-11	180	Fr.	Wellington, Fla. / Palm Beach Central / Arkansas
21	Noah Orlando	R/R	INF	6-0	180	Jr.	Winter Park, Fla. / Palm Beach State College
22	Colin Flynn	R/R	OF/C	6-1	190	Fr.	Coral Springs, Fla. / Marjory Stoneman Douglas
24	Alex Freeland	S/R	INF	6-2	200	Fr.	Cape Coral, Fla. / Mariner
25	Nolan Lepkoske	R/R	RHP	6-5	240	R-Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / Mandarin
26	Andrew Brait	R/R	INF	5-8	176	Fr.	Melbourne, Fla. / Viera High School
27	Gephry Pena	R/R	OF	6-0	165	So.	Santiago, Dominican Republic / Florida Prep Academy
28	Ryan Saltonstall	L/R	LHP	6-0	195	R-Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz. / South Mountain CC
29	Pablo Ruiz	R/R	UTL	5-9	190	Fr.	West Palm Beach, Fla. / Forest Hill High School
30	Matthew Menendez	R/R	1B/C	6-2	195	Fr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla. / Elite Squad Baseball Academy
31	Elijah McCormack	R/R	RHP	6-3	173	Fr.	Coppell, Tx. / Coppell High School
32	Ben Rushing	R/R	UTL	6-0	205	R-Fr.	Weston, Fla. / Cypress Bay
33	Keegan Pulford-Thorpe	R/L	LHP	6-2	206	Fr.	Newmarket, Ontario, Canada / Newmarket High School
35	Nick Vieira	R/R	RHP	6-6	220	Fr.	Margate, Fla. / Elite Squad Baseball
37	Ben Vespi	R/R	RHP	6-3	190	Fr.	Boynton Beach, Fla. / Central Florida Elev8
39	Connor Allen	L/L	1B	6-4	225	R-So.	Merritt Island, Fla. / Miami
40	Ben McCabe	R/R	C/UTL	5-11	170	So.	Sarasota, Fla. / Sarasota High School
42	John Montes	L/R	INF	6-0	170	Fr.	Toa Alta, Puerto Rico / Leadership Christian Academy
44	Joshua Crouch	R/R	C/UTL	6-1	200	Jr.	Sebring, FL / State College of Florida

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Greg Lovelady, 23 (4th, Miami '01)
Assistant Coach: Nick Otte, 41 (2nd, Indiana 02)
Assistant Coach: Ted Tom, 9 (3rd, Shawnee State '04)
Assistant Coach: Chris Cates (1st, Louisville '07)
Director of Operations: Stephen Branca
Assistant Sports Performance Coach: Jeremy Fradin
Athletic Trainer: Patrick O'Donnell
Equipment Manager: Bryan Hill

HOW TO SAY IT

Nick Gottilla - Guh-till-uh
Tom Josten - Joe - stin
Nick Otte - ough-EE
Gephry Pena - Jeffrey PAIN-ya
Kenny Serwa - sir-wuh

KNOW THE LINGO

LEAVING A LEGACY

One of the mantras that Coach Lovelady has instilled in the program is Leaving a Legacy. Each player realizes that they are a part of a larger picture that encompasses the entire history of UCF Baseball.

In order to leave their legacy, players must reach the bar that former teams have set for them, then raises it for future generations of Knights. Players are reminded of this phrase on the dugout card on game days.

TODAY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE SEASON

Another of Coach Lovelady's mantras directs players to not take a day off or for granted.

The team hears that phrase before every practice and game. It also appears on the dugout card.

#BUILTBYUCF

Heading into the 2021 season, the Knights will have 24 former student-athletes competing at various professional levels. This hashtag is used when praising their professional accomplishments.

#SKINNERSTRONG

In December of 2015, Joe Skinner signed a National Letter of Intent to play for UCF. He never got the opportunity, as he was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia and passed away in April of 2016.

Close with other members of the Knights 2016 signing class, UCF honors Skinner with special wrist bands and by raising money for his foundation every year.

The Knights Player of the Game will don Skinner's No. 38 jersey for the teams next contest. A running list of every #SkinnerStrong Player of the Game will be maintained in the notes.

QUIZ TIME

Here's a quick Q&A for broadcasters to make sure they've read the notes:

How should you refer to the Knights?

- A) The UCF Knights
 B) The UCF Knights
 C) The UCF Knights
 D) Other (almost ensuring a visit from the SID in game)

UCF ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.
39	Connor Allen	INF
2	Matthew Archer	INF
15	Zack Bennett	RHP
4	Vince Bonanni	RHP
26	Andrew Brait	INF
20	Michael Brooks	INF
44	Joshua Crouch	C/UTL
22	Colin Flynn	OF
24	Alex Freeland	INF
10	Colton Gordon	LHP
3	Nick Gottilla	LHP
18	Zack Hunsicker	RHP
8	AJ Jones	RHP
6	Tom Josten	INF
25	Nolan Lepkoske	RHP
1	David Litchfield	RHP
40	Ben McCabe	C/UTL
31	Elijah McCormack	RHP
14	Billy McKay	RHP
30	Matthew Menendez	C
42	John Montes	INF
21	Noah Orlando	INF
16	Hunter Patteson	LHP
27	Gephry Pena	OF
33	Keegan Pulford-Thorpe	LHP
7	Jordan Rathbone	OF
17	Nick Romano	1B
29	Pablo Ruiz	INF
32	Ben Rushing	UTL
28	Ryan Saltonstall	LHP
11	Kenny Serwa	RHP
12	Jack Sinclair	RHP
5	Trent Taylor	UTL
37	Ben Vespi	RHP
35	Nick Vieira	RHP

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

position	12, rhp	5 lhp	9, inf
	3, c	3, of	2, utl
class	18, fr	6, so.	9, jr.
	1, sr.	1, gr.	

how they bat 14, right 2, left 2, switch
 how they throw 15, right 1, left
 how they pitch 12, right 5, left
 position players 12, returning 6, new
 pitchers 13, returning 5, new
 newcomers 9, fr. 1, jr. 1, gr.

SKINNER JERSEY

february

19	FAU	Ted Tom
20	FAU	Tom Josten
21	FAU	Ben McCabe
23	Stetson	AJ Jones
26	Ole Miss	Ben Vespi
27	Ole Miss	Colton Gordon
28	Ole Miss	AJ Jones

march

3	Stetson	Ben McCabe
5	Liberty	
7	Liberty	
10	North Florida	
12	North Florida	
13	North Florida	
14	North Florida	
16	FAU	
19	Jacksonville	
20	Jacksonville	
21	Jacksonville	
24	Florida State	
26	Troy	
27	Troy	
28	Troy	
30	Jacksonville	

april

1	South Florida	
2	South Florida	
3	South Florida	
9	South Florida	
9	Cincinnati	
10	Cincinnati	
11	Cincinnati	
16	South Florida	
17	South Florida	
18	South Florida	
23	East Carolina	
24	East Carolina	
25	East Carolina	
30	Memphis	
	Memphis	

may

1	Memphis	
2	Memphis	
7	Wichita State	
	Wichita State	
8	Wichita State	
9	Wichita State	
14	Tulane	
	Tulane	
15	Tulane	
16	Tulane	
20	Houston	
	Houston	
21	Houston	
22	Houston	

6 pm
4 pm



A UCF BATTER HAD

Pinch Hit Home Run	Brody Wofford, vs. Chicago State, 3/17/18
Pinch Hit Grand Slam	Brody Wofford, vs. Chicago State, 3/17/18
Leadoff Home Run	Matthew Mika, vs. Bethune-Cookman, 4/23/19
Back-to-Back Home Runs	Dalton Wingo, Pablo Ruiz, vs. Jacksonville, 3/3/20
Back-to-Back-to-Back Home Runs	Darnell Sweeney, Ronnie Richardson, Beau Taylor, 7th inning, vs. Marshall, 5/21/11
Inside the Park HR	Blaine Schulte vs. Monmouth, Game 2, 3/1/03
Two Home Run Game	Pablo Ruiz, vs. Jacksonville, 3/3/20
Three Home Run Game	Dalton Wingo, at FAU, 5/14/19
Grand Slam	Tom Josten, vs. Florida Atlantic, 2/19/21
Walk-Off Home Run	Rylan Thomas, vs. Wagner, 3/2/18
Walk-Off Hit	Dallas Beaver, vs. Memphis, 4/22/19
Walk-Off Sac Fly	Max Wood, vs. Tulane, 5/18/18
Walk-Off BB	BB, Derrick Salberg vs. Presbyterian, 3/20/15
Walk-Off WP	WP, Dylan Moore vs. #9 Louisville-2, 4/17/14
Walk-Off FC	FC, David Phrathep vs. LIU Brooklyn, 3/11/16
Walk-Off Error	E6T, Ray Alejo, vs. Siena, 2/15/19
Five-Hit Game	Ryan Crile vs. Cornell, 3/27/16
Six-Hit Game	Tommy Williams at B-CU, 3/17/15
Four-Double Game	Shane Brown at Tulane, 5/22/10
Three-Triple Game	Wayne Gardner vs. Florida Memorial, 1979
Two-Triple Game	Drake Wade vs. Wagner, 3/17/04
Five-Run Game	Matthew Mika vs. Siena, 2/20/16
Six-Run Game	D.J. Hicks at UAB, 4/24/09
Eight-RBI Game	George Cox vs. Charleston Southern, 2/26/02
Seven-RBI Game	Rylan Thomas, vs. Central Michigan, 3/10/17
Six-RBI Game	Dalton Wingo, at FAU, 5/14/19
Five-RBI Game	Tom Josten, vs. Florida Atlantic, 2/19/21
Hit for the Cycle	Tommy Williams vs. Fairfield, 3/13/15
Stole Three Bases	Ray Alejo, at Houston, 5/6/18
Stole Four Bases	Ray Alejo, at Houston, 5/6/18
Stole Home	Matthew Mika, vs. Florida, 2/27/19
Home Run in 3-Straight Games	Rylan Thomas, vs. Central Mich., 3/10/17
Home Run in 4-Straight Games	Jonathan Griffin, April 8-12, 2011
Hit by a pitch twice in one inning	Ronnie Richardson vs. UMass, 3/9/12

A UCF Pitcher Had

A Complete Game	Jordan Spicer, vs. Memphis (AAC) 5/24/19
At Home	Grant Schuermann, vs. UConn, 3/29/19
On Road	Jordan Spicer, vs. Memphis (AAC) 5/24/19
By a Freshman	Cre Finrock vs. USF, 5/2/15
Consecutive Complete Games	3, Zach Rodgers at Cincinnati, 4/4/14 vs. UConn, 4/12/14 at Tulane, 4/18/15
A Shutout	Robby Howell vs. JU, 3/17/17
At Home	Robby Howell vs. JU, 3/17/17
On Road	Zach Rodgers at Tulane, 4/18/15
By a Freshman	Mitch Houck at South Florida, 4/4/06
Consecutive Shutouts,	3, Kyle Bono vs. Gardner-Webb, Game 1, 3/13/04 at Campbell, Game 1, 3/20/04, vs. Stetson, Game 2, 3/27/04
10 Innings Pitched	Jason Arnold vs. Florida Atlantic, 3/18/01
17-Strikeout Game	Tim Bascom vs. Siena, 3/5/05
15-Strikeout Game	Matt Fox at Campbell, 3/19/04
14-Strikeout Game	Brett Bordwine vs. Northeastern, 3/7/07
13-Strikeout Game	Mitch Houck vs. Wagner, 3/17/08
12-Strikeout Game	Mitch Houck vs. Pittsburgh, 3/11/08
11-Strikeout Game	JJ Montgomery, vs. Chicago State, 3/19/18
10-Strikeout Game	Trevor Holloway, vs. Butler, 3/7/20
5 HBP in a Game	6, Mitch Houck vs. #5 Missouri, 2/25/08
Solo No-Hitter	Pete MacLaughlin vs. Columbia, 4/73
Combined No-Hitter	Mitch Houck, 7.0 IP and Austin Hudson, 2.0 IP vs. Wagner, 3/17/08
Combined One-Hitter	Cre Finrock 6 IP, and Thad Ward, 3 IP, at USF, 4/20/18
One-Hitter	Darren Newlin vs. Belmont, Game 2, 4/17/04
Two-Hitter	Tim Bascom vs. East Carolina, 4/7/06
Three-Hitter	Robby Howell vs. JU, 3/17/17

EJECTION

Head Coach	Greg Lovelady, vs. #26 Oklahoma, 5/12/18
Assistant Coach	Kevin Schnall vs. Marshall, 4/21/13
Player	Tyler Osik, at Wichita State, 4/20/19

PRESEASON/WEEKLY/ANNUAL AWARDS

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Preseason Freshman of the Year
Alex Freeland

The American Preseason All-Conference

Colton Gordon
Jack Sinclair

The American Weekly Honors

Ben McCabe, Honor Roll Week 1
David Litchfield, Honor Roll Week 1
AJ Jones, Pitcher of the Week Week 2

UCF AS A TEAM

Shutout an Opponent	6-0, vs. Jacksonville, 3/3/20
At Home	6-0, vs. Jacksonville, 3/3/20
On Road	6-0, vs. Bethune-Cookman, 2/25/20
On Neutral Field	12-0 vs. USF, 5/26/17
Back-to-Back Shutouts	1-0 & 2-0, vs. Siena, 3/10/18
Scored 20 Runs in a Game	20, vs. Chicago State, 3/17/18
At Home	20, vs. Chicago State, 3/17/18
On Road	29 at UAB, 4/24/09
Scored 10 Runs in an Inning	10, First vs. Siena, 2/17/17
20 Hits in a Game	21 vs. Siena, 2/17/17
5 Home Runs in a Game	5, at FAU, 5/14/19
4 Home Runs in an Inning	Seventh Inning vs. Marshall, 5/21/11
Hit for the Home Run Cycle	vs. Chicago State, 3/18/18
Drew 10+ Walks	14, vs. Ball State, 3/6/19
Left 15 Runners on Base	at Cincinnati, 4/12/19
Left 16 Runners on Base	at UConn, 4/8/18
Left 19 Runners on Base	Monmouth, 16 innings., 3/9/08
Turned a Triple Play	at Stetson, 3/27/07
Hit Into a Triple Play	Justin Weiss, P to Dwayne Bailey, 2B to Kiko Vazquez, 1B vs. Siena, 3/8/00
	Mike Cohan, RF to Corey Blair, 1B to Kevin Murray, 3B
Longest Winning Streak	29 Games, 3/8-4/21/95
Won Against a Ranked Opponent at Home	#30 Wichita State, 4/29/18
Won Against a Ranked Opponent on the road	at #8 Auburn, 2/23/20
Won Against a Ranked Opponent at Neutral Site	#11 Maryland, 7-6, 2/21/15
Lost to a Ranked Opponent	#14 ECU, 3/24/19
Defeated a No. 1 Ranked Opponent	#1 Florida, 3/6-7/18
Swept a No. 1 Ranked Opponent	#1 Florida, 3/6-7/18
Swept a Ranked Opponent, 3 Games	at #8 Auburn, 2/21-2/23/20
Swept by a Ranked Opponent, 3 Games	#14 at ECU, 3/22-24/19
Swept a Conference Opponent, 3 Games	ECU, 4/13-4/15/17
Swept a Conference Opponent at Home, 3 Games	Rutgers, 4/25-27/14
Swept a Conference Road Opponent, 3 Games	ECU, 4/14-16/17
Swept a Ranked Opponent on the Road, 3 Games	at #8 Auburn, 2/21-2/23/20
Swept a Ranked Opponent at Home	#30 Houston, 4/26-28/13
Rallied from a Seven-Run Deficit	Down 8-0 - B4, Won 10-9, vs. Wagner, 3/3/18
Rallied from a Eight-Run Deficit	Down 8-0 - B4, Won 10-9, vs. Wagner, 3/3/18
Rallied from a Nine-Run Deficit	Down 9-0 - B8, Won 10-9 in 12. vs. Campbell, 4/4/03
Rallied from a 10-Run Deficit	Down 10, B4, Won 13-12, vs. Stetson, 4/21/09
Committed Six or More Errors	6 vs. UAB, 4/6/12
Did Not Commit an Error in 8-Straight Games	May 6-17, 2011

A UCF Opponent

Shutout UCF	7-0, vs. Stetson, 2/23/21
Shutout UCF in Two-Straight Games	#24 Miami, Jacksonville, 3/6-3/8/13
Hit a Grand Slam	Caleb Pendleton 2x, at Florida Atlantic, 2/20/21
Stole Home	Nick Crucet, vs. Columbia, 3/15/13
Threw a No-Hitter	Never
Threw a One-Hitter	Randy Beam *, Florida Atlantic, Game 1, 4/19/03
Threw a One-Hitter, More Than One Pitcher	*, seven innings at #6 Rice, Three pitchers, 4/22/07
Hit Three HR in a Game	Jamie Bruno, Tulane, 4/11/09
Hit an Inside-the-Park HR	Garrett Cannizaro, at Tulane, 5/20/10
Hit for The Cycle	Andrew Garner, vs. Tulane, 5/11/13
Five-Hit Game	Marc Bourgeois, #20 Southern Miss, 4/2/11
Scored 10 Runs in an Inning	13, Fifth, UAB, C-USA Tourney, 5/24/12
Had a Pinch-Hit HR	Hunter McMullen, at No. 3 Florida, 2/27/19
Threw a Complete Game	Anthony Kay, UConn, 4/14/15
Threw a Shutout	Bret Neilan, Stetson, 2/23/21
Had 10+ Strikeouts	12, Evan Shawver, at Cincinnati, 4/13/19
Had 15+ Strikeouts	16, Jon Duplantier, at Rice, 3/6/15
Walk-Off Home Run	Joey Weimer, at Cincinnati, 4/13/19
Walk-Off Wild Pitch	at Uconn, 4/8/18



KNIGHTS IN THE POLLS

BASEBALL AMERICA			DIBASEBALL.com			PERFECT GAME			NATIONAL KNIGHTS				
Rk.	Team	Rec.	Rk.	Team	Rec.	Prev Rk.	Rk.	Team	Rec.	Walks	Nat.	Conf.	Total
1.	Arkansas	5-0	1	Arkansas	7-0	2	1	Louisville	6-1	-	-	-	-
2.	Mississippi State	4-1	2	Vanderbilt	6-1	3	2	Florida	6-2	-	-	-	-
3.	Vanderbilt	6-1	3	Mississippi State	5-2	5	3	Arkansas	7-0	Batting Average	Nat.	Conf.	Total
4.	Louisville	3-1	4	Ole Miss	5-2	1	4	Ole Miss	5-2	Alex Freeland	t-33	3	.484
5.	Mississippi	3-2	5	Louisville	6-1	4	5	Vanderbilt	6-1	Doubles	-	-	-
6.	Miami	1-2	6	Florida	6-2	7	6	Mississippi State	5-2	ERA	Nat.	Conf.	Total
7.	Florida	5-0	7	UC Santa Barbara	6-1	9	7	Miami	3-3	-	-	-	-
8.	Virginia	2-2	8	UCLA	4-3	8	8	Texas Tech	3-3	Games Started	Nat.	Conf.	Total
9.	UCLA	3-1	9	Miami	3-3	6	9	LSU	6-1	Colton Gordon	t-7	t-1	t-2
10.	Texas Christian	4-1	10	Texas Tech	3-3	10	10	Georgia Tech	6-1	AJ Jones	-	-	-
11.	Texas Tech	3-1	11	LSU	6-1	11	11	UC Santa Barbara	6-1	Hunter Patteson	-	-	-
12.	Louisiana State	5-0	12	Georgia Tech	6-1	15	12	East Carolina	6-1	Hit Batters	Nat.	Conf.	Total
13.	South Carolina	3-0	13	TCU	5-2	14	13	UCLA	4-3	-	-	-	-
14.	Georgia Tech	4-0	14	South Carolina	6-0	17	14	Indiana	0-0	Hit by Pitch	Nat.	Conf.	Total
15.	UC Santa Barbara	4-0	15	Oklahoma State	6-0	20	15	Virginia	4-3	Jordan Rathbone	t-2	t-1	6
16.	Virginia Tech	3-1	16	Virginia	4-3	12	16	South Carolina	6-0	Home Runs	Nat.	Conf.	Total
17.	North Carolina	3-1	17	East Carolina	6-1	22	17	Arizona	6-2	Ben McCabe	t-8	t-2	4
18.	Boston College	2-1	18	Tennessee	7-2	18	18	Michigan	0-0	On-Base %	-	-	-
19.	East Carolina	3-1	19	Texas	3-4	19	19	Arizona State	4-2	-	-	-	-
20.	Texas	3-2	20	Oregon State	7-1	NR	20	Georgia	7-1	RBI	Nat.	Conf.	Total
21.	Michigan	0-0	21	Florida Atlantic	6-1	NR	21	TCU	5-2	Ben McCabe	t-2	1	16
22.	Tennessee	4-2	22	Boston College	5-1	NR	22	Auburn	6-2	Sac Bunts	-	-	-
23.	Alabama	4-1	23	West Virginia	4-3	23	23	Ohio State	0-0	Saves	Nat.	Conf.	Total
24.	Arizona	5-0	24	Virginia Tech	5-1	NR	24	North Carolina State	2-4	-	-	-	-
25.	Oklahoma	4-2	25	North Carolina	6-1	NR	25	Florida Atlantic	6-1	Slugging %	-	-	-
										Stolen Bases	Nat.	Conf.	Total
										Gephry Pena	t-25	t-3	4
										K-to-BB	-	-	-
										Total Bases	-	-	-
										Triples	-	-	-
										WHIP	-	-	-
										BB/9 Inn.	-	-	-

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COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

Rk.	Team	Rec.	Pts.	Rk.	Team	Rec.	Prev Rk.	Rk.	Team	Pts.	Prev Rk.
1	ARK	7-0	753	1.	Arkansas	7-0	3	1.	Arkansas (7-0)	495	5
2	VAN	6-1	751	2.	Vanderbilt	6-1	2	2.	Vanderbilt (5-1)	493	2
3	LOU	6-1	672	3.	Louisville	6-1	4	3.	Florida (6-2)	492	3
4	MISS	5-2	647	4.	Florida	6-2	7	4.	Louisville (6-1)	490	6
5	FLA	6-2	645	5.	Mississippi State	5-2	6	5.	Georgia (7-1)	487	7
6	MSST	5-2	644	6.	Miami	3-3	5	6.	Mississippi (5-2)	485	4
7	UCSB	6-1	520	7.	Ole Miss	5-2	1	7.	U.C. Santa Barbara (6-1)	484	8
8	LSU	6-1	506	8.	UC Santa Barbara	6-1	11	8.	Louisiana St. (6-1)	481	11
9	TCU	5-2	425	9.	UCLA	4-3	9	9.	Miami, Fla. (3-3)	478	1
10	UCLA	4-3	423	10.	LSU	6-1	10	10.	Mississippi St. (5-2)	475	12
11	TTU	3-3	420	11.	Georgia Tech	6-1	17	11.	Oklahoma St. (6-0)	472	17
12	SCAR	6-0	419	12.	TCU	5-2	14	12.	East Carolina (6-1)	468	16
13	GT	6-1	414	13.	South Carolina	6-0	16	13.	Oklahoma St. (6-0)	472	17
14	MIA	3-3	393	14.	Oklahoma State	6-0	20	14.	East Carolina (6-1)	468	16
15	OKST	6-0	381	15.	Texas Tech	3-3	13	15.	South Carolina (6-0)	466	20
16	ECU	6-1	279	16.	East Carolina	6-1	18	16.	UCLA (4-3)	463	9
17	TENN	7-2	236	17.	Virginia	4-3	12	17.	Texas Tech (3-3)	462	10
18	UVA	4-3	211	18.	Tennessee	7-2	15	18.	Georgia Tech. (6-1)	461	-
19	ORST	7-1	188	19.	Texas	3-4	21	19.	North Carolina (6-1)	459	-
20	UNC	6-1	178	20.	Georgia	7-1	23	20.	Michigan (0-0)	453	18
21	UGA	7-1	125	21.	Oregon State	7-1	RV	21.	Texas Christian (5-2)	450	19
22	VT	5-1	120	22.	Arizona	6-2	29	22.	Stetson (9-0)	448	-
23	BC	5-1	104	23.	Alabama	7-1	26	23.	Oregon St. (7-1)	446	-
24	ARIZ	6-2	90	24.	North Carolina	6-1	RV	24.	Arizona St. (4-2)	444	15
25	AUB	6-2	85	25.	N.C. State	2-4	8	25.	Alabama (7-1)	443	23
				26.	Florida Atlantic	6-1	RV	26.	Arizona (6-2)	442	24
				27.	Auburn	6-2	22	27.	Virginia (4-3)	440	14
				28.	Virginia Tech	5-1	-	28.	Auburn (6-2)	439	26
				29.	Boston College	5-1	RV	29.	Virginia Tech. (5-1)	437	-
				30.	Dallas Baptist	5-2	28	30.	Pittsburgh (6-1)	434	-
								31.	Tennessee (7-2)	432	27
								32.	Dallas Baptist (5-2)	429	21

receiving votes: Texas 80; Florida Atlantic 71; Alabama 59; Pittsburgh 39; Coastal Carolina 30; Michigan 24; West Virginia 22; North Carolina State 18; Notre Dame 15; Central Florida 14; Washington State 12; Arizona State 8; Wake Forest 7; Sacramento State 6; Louisiana-Lafayette 6; Clemson 6; UC Irvine 4; Florida Gulf Coast 4; UNC... Wilmington 3; Texas A&M 3; Houston 3; Southern Miss 2; Southern Illinois 2; North Dakota State 2; Duke 2; Dallas Baptist 2; Oklahoma 1; Florida State 1.

receiving votes (listed alphabetically): Arizona State, California, Charlotte, Clemson, Coastal Carolina, Duke, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida State, Houston, Indiana State, Kansas State, Louisiana, Louisiana Tech, Michigan, Middle Tennessee, Oklahoma, Pittsburgh, Sacramento State, South Carolina Upstate, Southern Illinois, Southern Miss, Stanford, Stetson, Texas A&M, Tulane, UC Irvine, UCF, UNCW, Wake Forest, Washington State, West Virginia

KNIGHTS WEEK-BY-WEEK IN THE POLLS

	BA	DI	PG	USA	CB	NCBWA
Preseason	24	-	25	RV	32	28
Week 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 2	-	-	RV	RV	-	RV
Week 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 13	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 15	-	-	-	-	-	-
FINAL	-	-	-	-	-	-

Weeks Ranked:

First Week Ranked:

24, Baseball America, Preseason 2021

Last Week Ranked:

24, Baseball America, Preseason 2021

Highest Ranking:

24, Baseball America, Preseason 2021

BA - Baseball America

CB - Collegiate Baseball

DI - DIBaseball.com

NCBWA - National Collegiate Baseball

Writers Association

PG - Perfect Game

USA - USA Today/ESPN



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LOVELADY & THE DRAFT

miami hurricanes (22)

2002	7
Kevin Howard	5th, 135, Cincinnati
Javy Rodriguez	5th, 144, LAA
Kiki Bengochea	11th, 322, Texas
Matt Dryer	15th, 457, San Francisco
T.J. Prunty	21st, 632, Minnesota
Danny Matienzo	23rd, 692, Minnesota
Troy Roberson	47th, 1394, NYM

2003	1
Jim Burt	35th, 1040, Toronto

2004	6
Erick San Pedro	2nd, 54, Montreal
Adam Ricks	10th, 299, CWS
Jim Burt	19th, 554, NYM
J.D. Cockroft	26th, 771, Texas
Richard Giannotti	38th, 1133, LAA
Danny Figueroa	40th, 1207, Oakland

2005	8
Ryan Braun	1st, 5, Milwaukee
Cesar Carrillo	1st, 18, San Diego
Gaby Sanchez	4th, 126, Miami
Paco Figueroa	9th, 273, Baltimore
Chiqui Chirino	10th, 305, CWS
Brendan Katin	23rd, 685, Milwaukee
Vince Bongiovanni	24th, 711, Arizona
Danny Figueroa	43rd, 1289, Baltimore

2006	1
Joe Smith	3rd, 94, NYM

2007	1
Ross Oeder	28th, 862, St. Louis

2008	3
Jeremy Hamilton	5th, 166, Philadelphia
Justin Parker	6th, 198, Arizona
Ross Vagedes	35th, 1061, Chicago Cubs

2010	3
Greg Robinson	32nd, 961, Arizona
Aaron Fields	42nd, 1260, Cleveland

2015	1
Andre Elliott	30th, 913, Baltimore

2016	5
Sean Murphy	3rd, 83, Oakland
Jesse Scholtens	9th, 264, San Diego
Mitch Roman	12th, 356, CWS
Robby Sexton	14th, 356, Boston
Ryan Fucci	25th, 747, Seattle

UCF knights (13)	
2017	4
Jason Bahr	5th, 156, San Francisco
Robby Howell	10th, 287, Cincinnati
Jordan Scheftz	23rd, 702, Cleveland
Andy Rohloff	37th, 1116, San Francisco

2018	6
Thad Ward	5th, 160, Boston
JJ Montgomery	7th, 205, Baltimore
Bryce Tucker	14th, 406, San Francisco
Rylan Thomas	26th, 769, Cincinnati
Eric Hepple	27th, 816, Colorado
Cre Finrock	29th, 866, Toronto

2019	3
Jordan Spicer	24th, 729, Colorado
Garrett Westberg	26th, 786, Seattle
Tyler Osik	27th, 800, Chicago White Sox

2020	3
Jeffry Hakanson	5th, 155, Tampa Bay

GREG LOVELADY

Greg Lovelady was named the head baseball coach at UCF on July 11, 2016. He will enter his third season in charge at UCF for the 2019 season.

The 2019 campaign was a big year for Lovelady and the Knights at home. UCF posted 23 wins at home, reaching 20+ wins at home for the 16th time in the last 19 years.

It was also a big year against other Florida schools. They beat Florida for the fourth consecutive time and beat Florida State for the first time since 2014. The Knights posted a 15-3 record against in-state opponents.

Three Knights received all conference honors. Matthew Mika made first team All-Conference, Grant Schuermann and Ray Alejo made second team All-Conference.

UCF also saw postseason success, reaching the AAC semifinal for the second time in the last three years.

After the season was over there were five Knights that joined the #BuiltByUCF ranks, as Jordan Spicer, Garrett Westberg, and Tyler Osik were drafted in the 2019 MLB Draft. In total, 13 Knights have been drafted in the Lovelady era.

The 2018 campaign saw the Knights post some historic storylines. On March 6, the Knights downed the top-ranked team in the nation for the first time in program history with a 9-7 victory over Florida. UCF turned around and completed its first sweep of a No. 1 ranked opponent with a 4-2 win in Gainesville the next night.

Lovelady guided UCF to its fifth-longest winning streak in program history at 13 games during the 2018 season. The Knights also recorded the second most shutouts in a single campaign with nine.

Pitching was the bedrock of the Knights' success in 2018. The pitching staff led the nation with nine shutouts and finished third in the country in hits allowed per nine innings, a school record 7.2. UCF's 3.32 ERA was among the top-15 nationally, while 9.8 strikeouts per nine innings ranked seventh and a 1.22 WHIP was ninth. The Black and Gold notched its second most punchouts in a single season with 556.

Continuing to improve the culture and talent level at UCF, Lovelady brought in the 16th ranked recruiting class, per Collegiate Baseball, prior to the 2018 campaign. After replacing 20 graduating seniors, the Knights went 35-21 with a 13-10 mark in The American to finish in fifth place, but the season came to a close when the Black and Gold found itself in the first four out of the NCAA Tournament.

In his first campaign with the Knights, Lovelady guided UCF to the American Athletic Conference regular-season title with an overall record of 40-22 and a 15-9 mark in league action, earning The American Coach of the Year honors in the process.

The Knights saw drastic improvements offensively and pitching in Lovelady's first year. UCF jumped up to 66th in the nation in scoring from 222nd in 2016, eighth in

stolen bases up from 77th and 44th in runs from 189th.

The pitching staff posted the fifth best ERA in the nation with a 3.0, compared to the 4.23 mark during the previous year. Pitchers took the team to 28th in strikeouts per nine innings, 24th in strikeouts-to-walks ratio and 10th in WHIP.

In his career, Lovelady has coached 38 MLB Draft picks between his three coaching stops, including 14 Top-10 round selections and nine tabbed in the first five rounds. Three players under Lovelady's tutelage have gone in the first round, including the fifth overall pick in 2005 and Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Ryan Braun.

Lovelady came to Orlando after spending three years

as the head coach at Wright State, where he led the Raiders to consecutive runner-up finishes at NCAA Regionals in 2015 and 2016. As the Raiders' head coach, he has compiled a 124-56 record in three campaigns and was with the Raiders for a total of 12 years. Wright State has won the Horizon League Regular Season or Tournament Championship (or both) in each of Lovelady's three seasons at the helm. He was named the 2014 and 2016 Horizon League Coach of the Year, as well as the 2016 ABCA/Diamond Mideast Regional Coach of the Year.

Lovelady went to WSU after a successful playing career and three-year stint with one of the nation's elite teams in Miami (FL). The Hurricanes won two national championships, in 1999 and 2001, with Lovelady as the catcher. A four-year letterman for the 'Canes, Lovelady captained the 2001 squad that won its second national championship in three years.

Lovelady hit a career best .314 with a 14-game hitting streak during his 1999 campaign. Lovelady was also a fan favorite in Coral Gables, receiving the Arnold Novins Award in 2001, an honor bestowed on the "Most Popular Player" as voted by the fans of Miami. The 'Canes made a postseason appearance during each of Lovelady's years as a player and coach in Coral Gables. UM Reached the College World Series five times and advanced to the NCAA super regional seven times while Lovelady was on campus.

Lovelady graduated from Miami in 2001 with a degree in Finance and a minor in Sports Management as a member of the university's deans list. Professionally, Lovelady played with the Utica Blue Sox, an affiliate of the Florida Marlins, and helped develop two UM catchers and numerous pitchers into major league draft choices.

LOVELADY'S MILESTONES

career	
1st win	7-1, WSU vs. Michigan State, 2/16/14
50th win	6-5, WSU vs. Milwaukee, 3/22/15
100th win	4-0, WSU vs. Miami (OH), 4/13/16
200th win	2-1, UCF vs. Siena, 2/15/19

UCF	
1st win	17-6, vs. Siena, 2/17/17
50th win	6-1, at Bethune-Cookman, 2/27/18
100th win	12-11, Memphis, 4/26/19

THE LOVELADY FILE

name: Greg Lovelady
birthdate: Jan. 11, 1979 (Miami, Fla.)
hometown: Miami, Fla.
alma mater: The University of Miami '01
major: Sports Management
wife: Lindsay Lovelady
children: Noah (10), Gavin (6)
hired at UCF: July 11, 2016
playing career:
 Miami - 1998-01, Utica Blue Sox - 2001
coaching career:
 Miami - 2002-04 - assistant
 Wright State - 2005-06 - assistant
 Wright State - 2007-13 - associate head
 Wright State - 2014-16 - head
 UCF - 2017-present - head
career honors:
 National Champion - 1999, 2001
 College World Series -1998, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2004
 Arnold Nevins Award - 2001
 NCAA Super Regionals - 2000, 2002
 NCAA Regionals - 2006, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2017
 Conference Coach of the Year - 2014, 2017
 Head Coach of League Champion -2015, 2016, 2017

LOVELADY'S CAREER

year	school	position	w-l	NCAA
2002	Miami	AC	35-30	Super Regional
2003	Miami	AC	45-18-1	CWS
2004	Miami	AC	51-14	CWS
2005	Wright State	AC	26-33	
2006	Wright State	AC	32-27	Regional
2007	Wright State	AHC	36-22	
2008	Wright State	AHC	30-23	
2009	Wright State	AHC	33-30	Regional
2010	Wright State	AHC	31-25	
2011	Wright State	AHC	36-19	Regional
2012	Wright State	AHC	37-21	
2013	Wright State	AHC	25-35	
2014	Wright State	HC	35-22	
2015	Wright State	HC	43-17	Regional
2016	Wright State	HC	44-15	Regional
2017	UCF	HC	40-22	Regional
2018	UCF	HC	35-21	
2019	UCF	HC	36-22	
2020	UCF	HC	15-3	

*season shortened due to COVID-19 pandemic

Seasons as a full-time Division I coach: 18
Winning seasons: 16
NCAA Tournament appearances: 9
College World Series appearances: 2
Record as an assistant coach: 417-404-1
Record as a head coach: 250-124



PITCHER BIOS

1 | David Litchfield | RHP | R.Jr. | 6'0 | 175 Longwood, Fla. | Lake Mary Prep | St. John's River State

- redshirt junior (2020) Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
Made all eight appearances out of the bullpen, tied for the most on the team
One of four relievers with at least 10.0 innings of work
One of three relievers with at least 10.0 innings of work to maintain a sub-1.50 ERA
Season-high three strike outs vs. CSUN in 2.0 innings (2/28)

redshirt sophomore (2019)
Appeared in three games on the year after returning from a season-ending injury in 2018
Table with columns: Year, era, w-l, app, gs, cg, sho, sv, ip, h, r, er, bb, so

4 | Vince Bonanni | RHP | RSr. | 6'3 | 200 Jupiter, Fla.

- prior to ucf
Named to the 2020 Perfect Game Preseason Florida All-Region Second Team
High Honorable Mention in 2019 Perfect Game Preseason Underclassmen All-American Team and Honorable Mention in 2018
Attended 2018 Junior National Showcase in Cartersville, Ga.
personal
Son of Barb and Mark Bonanni
Has one sister, Ella
Plans to major in Kinesology
Born May 10, 2002 in Annapolis, Md.

Table with columns: Year, era, w-l, app, gs, cg, sho, sv, ip, h, r, er, bb, so

10 | Colton Gordon | LHP | RSo. | 6'4 | 225 Bradenton, Fla. | Lakewood Ranch | Hillsborough Community College

- prior to ucf
Played a season at Hillsborough Community College and redshirted a season at the University of Florida
Started 13 and appeared in 15 for Hillsborough Community College last season, tossing a total of 88.2 innings
Completed his HCC career with a 2.44 ERA and a 7-4 record with 86 strikeouts
Ranked No. 51 overall in Florida by Perfect Game and the No. 6 LHP in Florida coming out of high school
2017 Perfect game/Rawlings High Honorable Mention Preseason All-American
personal
Born on Dec. 20, 1999
Son of Lisa Zimring and Steve Gordon
Plans to major in communications with a minor in sports business administration

Table with columns: Year, era, w-l, app, gs, cg, sho, sv, ip, h, r, er, bb, so

12 | Jack Sinclair | RHP | Jr. | 6'4 | 170 Coral Springs, Fla. | St. Johns River State

- junior (2020)
Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
Made all eight appearances out of the bullpen, tied for the most on the team
Opened the year with no earned runs allowed through first 12.1 innings (seven appearances)
One of three relievers with at least 10.0 innings of work to maintain a sub-1.50 ERA
Struck out a career-high 10 batters against Siena (2/16)
Tossed a career-high 4.0 IP against Siena (2/16)
freshman (2018)
Made UCF debut against Stetson (2/20) for 1 1/3 innings
Struck out a career-high 69 batters against Penn State (3/8)
Struck out three batters against Penn State (3/8)
Tossed three hitless innings in second start against Bethune-Cookman (4/18)
Did not allow a run in five appearances
Finished the year with a 2.31 ERA and 12 strikeouts over 11 2/3 out of the bullpen
redshirt
Missed the 2018 season due to injury
Received a medical redshirt from the NCAA

15 | Zack Bennett | RHP | Fr. | 6'5 | 225 Port Orange, Fla. | Spruce Creek

- prior to ucf
Four-year letterwinner at Spruce Creek High School
Struck out five batters in 3.0 innings in his lone appearance during his senior season in 2020 (season shortened due to COVID-19 outbreak)
Named to 2019 First Team All-Area by The News-Journal and named Team Pitcher of the Year by his teammates.
As a junior in 2019 issued just two walks in 46 innings, compared to 58 strikeouts, and went 7-2 with a 1.06 ERA on the year.
personal
Son of Glen and Justine Bennett
Has one brother, Christian
Plans to major in Education
Born October 10, 2001 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Table with columns: Year, era, w-l, app, gs, cg, sho, sv, ip, h, r, er, bb, so

3 | Nick Gottilla | LHP | Fr. | 6'0 | 185 Davenport, Fla. | Lake Mary Prep | St. John's River State

- freshman (2020)
Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
Came out of the bullpen in six games
Made collegiate debut with 1.0 IP vs. Siena (2/15)
Fanned a season-high three in a career-long 2.0 innings against Jacksonville (3/3)
95 strikeouts with a 1.31 ERA. Also carried a .365 batting average with five homers and a six triples
Earned First Team All-State, Elite All-State, First Team All-Iowa, Conference Player of the Year his senior season
personal
Born on Feb. 7, 2001
Son of John Gottilla and Stasha Prins
Brother to Keaton and Zander
Plans to major in communications

8 | AJ Jones | LHP | Sr. | 6'5 | 220 Sarasota, Fla. | Sarasota | Florida Atlantic | State College of Florida | Jacksonville

- prior to ucf
Spent two years at Jacksonville University where he amassed 20 appearances, 19 of which came as starts. Jones carried a 3.78 career ERA across 109.2 innings pitched with 93 strikeouts.
Earned ASUN Pitcher of the Week twice in as a junior 2019
Started 11 of 14 appearances on the mound for State College of Florida as a sophomore, went 6-0 with a 3.22 ERA with 54 strikeouts in 72.2 innings
Appeared in nine games in relief as a freshman at Florida Atlantic, threw 10.2 innings with a 2.53 ERA
Two-year letterwinner at Sarasota High School, pitched 10 innings and went 2-0 with a 0.00 ERA as a senior, but season was cut short due to injury. Tossed 30 innings as a junior and posted a 3-1 ERA with a 0.93 ERA in helping the Sailors to finish Class 8A State Champion Runner-Up
personal
Son of Trevor and Elizabeth Jones
Has one sister, Victoria
Plans to major in business
Born May 27, 1998 in Sarasota, Fla.

Table with columns: Year, era, w-l, app, gs, cg, sho, sv, ip, h, r, er, bb, so

11 | Kenny Serwa | RHP | Jr. | 6'1 | 195 Chicago, Ill. | SIU-Edwardsville

- prior to ucf
Was named to Baseball America's "Offseason's 25 Best Impact Transfers in College Baseball" list
Went 4-0 at SIU-Edwardsville with a 1.33 ERA and 42 strikeouts in 27 innings.
Second Team All-Ohio Valley Conference Selection in 2019 after making seven starts with three wins, 3.19 ERA, 33 strikeouts, while only walking six through 42.1 IP.
In his first season at SIUE, Serwa led the Cougars in most pitching categories. Made 14 starts and paced the staff with a 4.45 earned run average through 85.0 IP.
Made one appearance in two seasons at Division II St. Joseph's College before transferring to SIUE
Earned All-Conference honors as a junior and senior at Saint Patrick's high school and was an All-State selection as a SS as a senior.

Table with columns: Year, era, w-l, app, gs, cg, sho, sv, ip, h, r, er, bb, so

13 | Billy McKay | RHP | R.Jr. | 6'1 | 205 Plant City, Fla. | Polk State College

- rs junior
Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
Came out of the bullpen for all eight appearances, tied for the most on the team
Made UCF debut against Siena (2/15), recorded two outs with two pitches
Struck out a career-high 3 batters against Siena (2/16) in 1.0 IP
Most pitches came in 2.0 IP against Butler with 31 (3/8)
Three-year letter winner at Plant City High School. Spent two seasons at Polk State College
McKay led the Eagles in ERA in 2019 with a 3.45 ERA with 35 game appearances and tossing 75.2 innings.
Made 27 appearances for the Kenosha Kingfish of the Northwoods League, striking out 38 batters in 36.2 innings with a 2.70 ERA
Won seven games a senior in high school, tossed a no hitter and carried a 1.53 ERA
Received Second-Team All-Conference in the Suncoast Conference

Table with columns: Year, era, w-l, app, gs, cg, sho, sv, ip, h, r, er, bb, so

16 | Hunter Pattenon | LHP | Fr. | 6'4 | 170 Vero Beach, Fla. | Vero

- freshman (2020)
Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
Made four appearances with two starts
Struck out at least three batters in games started
Tossed 5.1 innings in first collegiate start and UCF debut against Siena (2/15)
Recorded career-high seven strikeouts against Siena (2/15)
personal
Four-year letter winner at Vero Beach High School
Tossed 51 innings and tallied 81 strikeouts his senior season for Vero Beach
Ended his senior year with a 6-1 record with a 0.91 ERA on his way to being named First Team All-Treasure Coast for the fourth straight time
Participated in the FACA State All-Star Game

Table with columns: Year, era, w-l, app, gs, cg, sho, sv, ip, h, r, er, bb, so



PITCHER BIOS

18 | Zack Hunsicker | RHP | So. | 6'4 | 230
Wentzville, Mo.

sophomore (2019)

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Made five appearances, all out of the bullpen
- Career-high four strikeouts in 3.0 innings at No. 8 Auburn (2/23)
- Extended to 2.0 innings in three of our outings

freshman (2019)

- Made 21 appearances with one start in rookie campaign
- Was the lone freshman to pitch for the Knights in 2019
- Did not allow an earned run in 10 appearances
- Extended to at least two innings in nine appearances
- Made debut against Ball State (3/6) with one strikeout over two innings
- Threw a career-long 3 2/3 innings against Cincinnati (5/25) in the American Athletic Conference Tournament
- Fanned a career-high three batters over two innings of work against Yale (3/13)
- Started for the first time at Wichita State (4/20)

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2019	4.59	3-1	21	1	0	0	0	33.1	35	22	17	12	15
2020	2.25	0-0	5	1	0	0	0	8.0	8	4	2	6	8
Total	4.14	3-1	26	2	0	0	0	41.1	43	26	19	18	23

28 | Ryan Saltonstall | LHP | R.Jr. | 6'0 | 195
Phoenix, Ariz. | St. Johns River State

redshirt junior (2019)

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Made six appearances, all out of the bullpen
- Did not allow a run in 4.1 innings of work
- Longest outing came in season debut, with 2.0 innings and 3 strikeouts against Siena (2/15)

junior (2019)

- Made one appearance before season ended due to injury
- Debuted for one inning against Siena (2/17)
- Received a medical redshirt from the NCAA

prior to ucf

- Played two years at South Mountain in Phoenix, Ariz.
- Posted a 2.41 ERA, 84 strikeouts and an 8-2 record in 82 innings as a sophomore
- Picked up Second Team All-Conference honors in 2018
- Finished with 56 punchouts, a 6-1 mark and a 2.36 ERA over 72 1/3 innings after his freshman season

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2019	9.00	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1.0	2	1	1	2	0
2020	0.00	0-0	6	0	0	0	0	4.1	4	0	0	3	6
Total	1.69	0-0	7	0	0	0	0	5.1	6	1	1	5	6

33 | Keegan Pulford-Thorpe | LHP | Fr. | 6'2 | 206
Newmarket, Ontario, Canada

freshman (2020)

- Did not make an appearance in 2020

prior to ucf

- Selected in the 33rd round of the 2019 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft
- Represented Canada on the bronze-winning COPABE U18 Pan Am Championships in Panama in 2018
- Perfect Game Preseason All-American Canada/Puerto Rico - All-Region First Team
- Ontario Hockey League draftee to the Sudbury Wolves in 2017 as a defenseman

personal

- Born on Feb. 19, 2001
- Son of Jill Pulford and Paul Thorpe
- Has one sister, Allie Pulford-Thorpe
- Plans to major in medical sciences

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

37 | Ben Vespi | RHP | Fr. | 6'3 | 190
Boynton Beach, Fla.

prior to ucf

- No. 235 on Perfect Game Top 500 Incoming Freshman
- 2020 Perfect Game Preseason Second Team All-Region Team
- Competed at the 2018 and 2019 Perfect Game National Showcase

personal

- Son of Bo and Tina Vespi
- Three brothers, Caleb, Nick, and Adam
- Nick Vespi is a LHP currently playing in the Baltimore Orioles minor league system
- Adam Vespi currently plays football at NCAA Division III member Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Caleb Vespi played soccer at Owens Community College in Perrysburg, Ohio
- Plans to major in Kinesiology
- Born May 28, 2001 in Clearwater, Fla.

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

25 | Nolan Lepkoske | RHP | R.Fr. | 6'5 | 260
Jacksonville, Fla.

redshirt freshman (2020)

- Made one appearance, faced two batters vs. Siena (2/15)

prep

- Three-year letterwinner at Mandarin High School
- Tabbed as a 1010xl Scholar-Athlete
- 2018 Rawlings-Perfect Game Honorable Mention All-American
- Earned All-Conference honors as a junior

personal

- Born on Sept. 1, 1999
- Son of Andrew and Christine Lepkoske
- Solid beard

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2020	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

31 | Elijah McCormack | RHP | Fr. | 6'3 | 173
Coppell, Texas.

freshman (2020)

- Did not make an appearance in 2020

prior to ucf

- Three-year letter winner at Coppell High School in Coppell, Texas
- Tossed 45 innings and accumulated 70 strikeouts in 2019
- Perfect Game Preseason All-American for the 2019 season

personal

- Born on Aug. 12, 1998
- Son of Robert and Christina McCormack
- Has three siblings, Jonah, Julia and Anastasia
- Plans to major in finance

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

35 | Nick Vieira | RHP | Fr. | 6'6 | 225
Margate, Fla.

prior to ucf

- Picked up Honorable Mention honors in the 2020 Perfect Game Preseason All-Region awards for the Florida region
- Named Honorable Mention in the 2019 Perfect Game Preseason Underclassmen All-American Teams
- Perfect Game No. 50 RHP in Florida, Top 500 Nationally

personal

- Son of Kevin and Dana Vieira
- Has one brother, Nathan
- Plans to major in Human Communication
- Born January 2, 2002 in Boca Raton, Fla.

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

HITTER BIOS

2 | Matt Archer | INF | Fr. | 5'9 | 179
Longwood, Fla.

freshman (2020)

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- One of eight Knights to record a home run on the season
- Drove in 10 RBI, tied for second most on the team
- First extra base hit as a Knight came as a double in 7-3 win at No. 8 Auburn (2/22)
- First collegiate home run came in 4-1 victory vs. Butler (3/8)

prior to ucf

- Two-year letter winner at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Miami, Fla.
- Hit .462 at the plate his senior year, with 20 RBI and scored 38 runs
- Two-time Miami Herald First-Team All-County and Miami Herald Broward County Player of the year his senior season
- Named St. Thomas Aquinas Team MVP after earning First Team All-American
- Played in the 2019 FACA State All-Star game

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	.291	18	17	55	10	16	1	0	1	10	.364	3	1	10
Total	.291	18	17	55	10	16	1	0	1	10	.364	3	1	10

6 | Tom Josten | INF | So. | 6'2 | 200
Palatine, Ill. | Marshalltown Community College

prior to ucf

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- One of four Knights to start in all 18 contests
- Smashed three home runs, tied with Pablo Ruiz and Jordan Rathbone
- Collected 13 walks, the most on the team and ranked fourth in the American Athletic Conference
- Went 3-for-3 with his first homer and double as a Knight against Siena (2/15)
- First multi-RBI game came against No. 8 Auburn as he homered in a 12-2 victory

prior to ucf

- Two-sport athlete at William Fremd High School and played a single season at Marshalltown Community College
- Played in 45 games for the MCC Tigers
- Hit .308 at the plate, while slugging 11 home runs with 33 RBI in 2019
- Named Second-Team All-Region in the ICCAC Region in 2019

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	.196	18	18	56	13	11	4	0	3	10	.429	13	2	22
Total	.196	18	18	56	13	11	4	0	3	10	.429	13	2	22

17 | Nick Romano | 1B | Fr. | 6'3 | 234
Tampa, Fla.

junior (2020)

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Appeared in 17 games, starting 16 of them
- Topped the team with a .315 batting average (min. 31 plate appearances per game)
- Topped off a six-game hitting streak with a career-high four hits at No. 8 Auburn (2/23)

prior to ucf

- Four-year letter winner at Hillsborough High School
- Spent the last two seasons at St. Johns River State College
- Played 51 games last season and hit 10 home runs on his way to collecting 57 RBI
- Tallied a .348 batting average on the season

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	.315	17	16	54	5	17	4	0	0	9	.389	4	1	7
Total	.315	17	16	54	5	17	4	0	0	9	.389	4	1	7

21 | Noah Orlando | INF | Jr. | 6'0 | 180
Orlando, Fla. | Edgewater | Palm Beach State

junior (2020)

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Made 16 appearances, earning 9 starts on the season
- Swiped six bases, second most on the UCF squad
- Only extra base hit came as a double against No. 5 Miami (3/11)

prior to ucf

- Three-year letter winner at Edgewater High School
- Appeared in 34 games at Palm Beach State College
- Averaged .318 at the plate with 42 hits and 17 RBI

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	.241	16	9	29	5	7	1	0	0	2	.276	5	0	7
Total	.241	16	9	29	5	7	1	0	0	2	.276	5	0	7

5 | Trent Taylor | UTL | Jr. | 6'0 | 185
Merritt Island Fla. | Daytona State College

junior (2020)

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Came off the bench for all 10 appearances
- Had three at-bats as a pinch hitter
- Primarily used as a pinch runner or defensive substitution in the field
- Drove in first career RBI on 12-2 victory at No. 8 Auburn (2/23)
- Went 2-for-3 on stolen base attempts with swipes vs. Siena (2/15) and vs. No. 5 Miami

prior to ucf

- Four-year letter winner in Baseball and two-year letter winner in football at Merritt Island High School
- Played two seasons at Daytona State College, where he played 77 games for the Falcons
- Hit .304 in his two-year career at Daytona State, while driving in 33 runs.
- Played for the Sanford River Rats in the Florida Collegiate Summer League and finished second in the league with a .347 batting average, first in the league with 31 stolen bases and had 11 multi-hit games.

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	.000	10	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	1
Total	.000	10	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	1

7 | Jordan Rathbone | UTL | r-Sr. | 5'11 | 200
Spokane, Wash.

redshirt senior (2020)

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- One of four Knights to start in all 18 contests
- Finished atop the team with 34 total bases and a .507 slugging percentage (min. 31 plate appearances per game)
- Maintained a .313 batting average, two points below the team leader and third best on the team (min. 31 plate appearances per game)
- Smashed three home runs, tied with Pablo Ruiz and Tom Josten for most on the team
- Named American Athletic Conference Player of the Week (2/24) after hitting .478 with

- three HR and seven RBI in four games
- Had three consecutive games with home runs, 2/18 vs. Stetson, 2/21-22 at No. 8 Auburn

redshirt junior (2019)

- Played in 11 games, starting three that drove in a run
- Recorded first UCF hit against Siena (2/17)
- Notched a three-game hit streak
- Worked with young pitchers in bullpen sessions to help with their control

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2019	.190	11	3	21	4	4	0	0	0	1	.190	2	2	9
2020	.313	18	18	67	14	21	4	0	3	17	.507	3	5	14
Total	.284	29	21	88	18	25	4	0	3	18	.432	5	7	23

20 | Michael Brooks | INF | Fr. | 5'11 | 180
Wellington, Fla.

prior to ucf

- Perfect Game No. 105 overall prospect in the country and a top-25 shortstop
- Named to Perfect Game Preseason First Team All-Region (Florida)
- 2019 Perfect Game All-American Classic and National Showcase attendee

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

22 | Colin Flynn | OF | Fr. | 6'1 | 195
Coral Springs, Fla. | Marjory Stoneman Douglas

prior to ucf

- Three-year letterwinner at Marjory Stoneman Douglas
- Named First Team All-District after his junior and senior seasons
- Slugged .352 with 1 HR, 5 RBI and .923 OPS during the 2020 season
- Hit a career high 4 HR
- Maintained a .400 batting average with 20 RBI and .580 on-base percent in his sophomore season, named Third Team All-County

personal

- Son of Maria and Tom Flynn
- Has one brother, Aiden
- Plans to major in Political Science
- Born November 21, 2001 in Coral Springs, Fla.

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



HITTER BIOS

24 | Alex Freeland | INF | Fr. | 6'2 | 200
Cape Coral, Fla.

freshman

- Named d1baseball.com American Athletic Conference Preseason Freshman of the Year

prior to ucf

- Four-year letterwinner at Marnier High School
- Finished his high school career with a .323 average at the plate, .455 OBP, and drove in 63 RBI across 92 games
- Concluded a shortened 2020 senior campaign with a .429 batting average after collecting 5 doubles and 1 HR on the year
- No. 27 on Perfect Game Top 500 Incoming Freshman
- Attended the 2020 Perfect Game World Showcase, was named to the Rawlings Top Prospect Team
- Named 2020 Perfect Game Preseason First Team All-Region in the Florida region
- Attended the 2019 Perfect National Showcase

personal

- Son of Bobby and Amy Freeland
- Has two brothers, Jacob and Adam
- Plans to major in Psychology

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

27 | Gephry Pena | OF | So. | 6'0 | 180
Santiago, Dominican Republic

sophomore (2020)

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- One of four Knights to start in all 18 contests
- Posted a team best 17 RBI and .415 on-base percentage, with a second-most 22 hits (min. 3.1 PA/game)
- Tied for second in the nation, first in The American, and first on the team in stolen bases (13)
- Ninth in the nation and first in the conference in stolen bases per game with 0.72 per game
- Hit first collegiate home run opening weekend against Siena (2/16)

freshman (2019)

- Came off the bench for all 30 appearances
- Had three plate appearances as a pinch hitter
- Primarily used as a late-game pinch runner or defensive substitution in left field
- Recorded first career hit against Penn State (3/10)
- Went 2-for-2 on stolen bases with the swipes against Yale (3/12) and at Wichita State (4/20)
- Scored the game-winning run against Memphis (5/22) in an elimination game of the American Athletic Conference Tournament

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2019	.091	30	0	11	6	1	0	0	0	1	.091	1	2	4
2020	.314	18	18	70	17	22	3	1	1	9	.429	10	2	17
Total	.284	48	18	81	23	23	3	1	1	10	.383	11	4	21

30 | Matthew Menendez | C | Fr. | 6'2 | 220
Pembroke Pines, Fla.

prior to ucf

- Three-year letterwinner at Elite Squad Baseball Academy
- Named a 2020 Perfect Game Preseason All-American Honorable Mention in the Florida Region

personal

- Born Matthew Menendez on August 2, 2002
- Son of Julio and Suzanne Menendez
- Has one sister, Kimberly
- Plans to major in Sports and Exercise physiology

39 | Connor Allen | INF | RSo. | 6'4 | 255
Merritt Island, Fla. | Miami

redshirt sophomore (2020)

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Made 17 appearances with three starts, primarily coming into games as a defensive replacement
- Swiped a pair of bases in back-to-back games on Opening Weekend against Siena (2/14-15)
- First hit as a Knight came as a two RBI triple against Siena (2/15)

redshirt 2019

- will redshirt the 2019 due to NCAA transfer regulations

freshman - miami (2018)

- Saw action in four games with one start
- Reached base in first plate appearance of career at FAU (Feb. 28) on hit-by-pitch
- Made first start of career at first base vs. Notre Dame (March 9)

2018 season at miami

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2018	.000	4	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	5
2020	.263	17	3	19	3	5	0	1	0	5	.368	2	1	7
Total	.200	21	4	25	3	5	0	1	0	5	.320	2	2	12

44 | Josh Crouch | C | Jr. | 6'1 | 200
Sebring, Fla. | State College of Florida

junior (2020)

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Appeared in 11 games, picking up 10 starts. Split time at catcher with Ben McCabe, made one designated hitting appearances
- Knocked a double and drove in three RBIs against Siena (2/15)
- Threw out two runners attempting to steal a base

prior to ucf

- Spent two seasons at the State College of Florida in Bradenton, Fla.
- Earned the Highlands County Baseball Athlete-of-the-Year award and participated in the 2017 FACA State All-Star game
- Slashed a .290 batting average in 101 games for SCF. Crouch drove in 65 RBI and hit 12 homers in his two seasons playing junior college baseball.

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	.200	11	10	35	6	7	2	0	0	5	.257	3	0	12
Total	.200	11	10	35	6	7	2	0	0	5	.257	3	0	12

26 | Andrew Brait | INF | Fr. | 5'8 | 176
Melbourne, Fla.

freshman (2020)

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Appeared in 15 games, starting nine
- Notched first collegiate RBI on Opening Weekend against Siena (2/15)
- Recorded two multi-hit games against CSUN (2/28) and Jacksonville (3/3)

prior to ucf

- Born on Sept. 9, 2000
- Son of Matt and Jackie Brait
- Has two siblings, Alex and Anna Brait
- Brother Alex Brait plays baseball at FGCU
- Father Matt Brait played hockey at Kent State
- Plans to major in accounting

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	.226	15	9	31	5	7	0	0	0	3	.226	6	1	11
Total	.226	15	9	31	5	7	0	0	0	3	.226	6	1	11

29 | Pablo Ruiz | INF | Fr. | 5'9 | 190
West Palm Beach, Fla.

freshman (2020)

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Appeared in 14 games, starting 13 of them
- Smashed three home runs, tied with Tom Josten and Jordan Rathbone
- Hit a season-high four hits against No. 8 Auburn (2/23), including his first homer as a Knight
- Posted his first multi-home run game with two bombs vs. Jacksonville (3/3)

prior to ucf

- Name Palm Beach County Player of the Year and Sun Sentinel Player of the Year in 2019
- Ruiz led Palm Beach County in batting average, doubles, stolen bases and tied for the lead in runs scored.
- As a senior hit .563 (36 hits in 64 at-bats) and had an on-base percentage of .670 (reaching base 59 times out of 87 plate appearances).
- Also put up at slugging percentage of 1.016 by hitting 12 doubles, four triples and three home runs his senior season.

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	.275	14	13	51	9	14	2	0	3	7	.490	2	0	11
Total	.275	14	13	51	9	14	2	0	3	7	.490	2	0	11

32 | Ben Rushing | UTL | RFr. | 6'0 | 205
Weston, Fla.

redshirt freshman (2020)

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Made three appearances, earning one start
- First career hit as a Knight came as a three-run home run vs. Siena (2/15)
- Only other hit came as a triple vs. Siena (2/16)

prior to ucf

- Four-year starter for Cypress Bay High School
- Named a 2018 Rawlings-Perfect Game Hornable Mention All-American in 2018
- Hit .312 to earn All-District honorable mention honors as a senior
- Notched a .464 batting average with an on-base percentage of .558 and 24 RBI as a junior
- Tabbed as a 2017 Underclass Honorable Mention by Perfect Game

42 | John Montes | INF | Fr. | 6'0 | 175
Toa Alta, Puerto Rico

prior to ucf

- No. 40 on Perfect Game Top 500 Incoming Freshman
- Named to the 2020 Perfect Game World Showcase Top Prospect List in January 2020
- Attended the 2019 Perfect Game National Showcase at Chase Field in Phoenix, Az.
- Named to the Perfect Game 2020 Preseason First Team All-Region in the Canada/Puerto Rico Region

personal

- Son of Maria Torres and Johnny Montes
- One brother, Andrés
- Plans to major in Integrated Business
- Born August 27, 2001 in Bayamón, Puerto Rico

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

2021 UCF BASEBALL
Overall Statistics for UCF (as of Mar 04, 2021)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 3-5 Home: 0-2 Away: 3-3 Conference: 0-0

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
Alex Freeland	.484	8-8	31	8	15	1	0	1	3	19	.613	6	0	5	1	.568	0	0	1-2	14	17	2	.939
Gephry Pena	.375	8-8	32	7	12	2	0	1	2	17	.531	6	2	13	0	.500	0	0	4-5	20	0	0	1.000
Josh Crouch	.300	8-8	30	5	9	0	0	1	1	12	.400	6	3	8	0	.462	0	0	0-0	45	8	1	.981
Matt Archer	.258	8-8	31	5	8	0	0	1	7	11	.355	3	1	4	1	.343	0	0	3-3	8	17	1	.962
Ben McCabe	.258	8-8	31	10	8	3	0	4	16	23	.742	5	2	11	0	.395	0	0	1-1	48	2	1	.980
Jordan Rathbone	.250	8-8	28	9	7	2	0	2	6	15	.536	3	6	8	0	.421	1	1	1-1	14	0	0	1.000
John Montes	.238	6-5	21	4	5	2	0	0	2	7	.333	0	0	2	0	.238	0	0	1-1	4	12	2	.889
Pablo Ruiz	.188	4-4	16	1	3	1	0	0	3	4	.250	0	1	5	0	.235	0	0	0-0	6	0	1	.857
Tom Josten	.156	8-8	32	2	5	1	0	1	7	9	.281	3	0	11	0	.229	0	0	0-1	9	4	0	1.000
Nick Romano	.056	5-5	18	4	1	0	0	1	1	4	.222	4	1	6	0	.261	0	0	0-0	29	3	0	1.000
Noah Orlando	.000	6-1	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	0	3	0	.111	0	0	1-1	1	1	0	1.000
Ben Rushing	.000	2-1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	1	.000	0	0	0-0	1	1	1	.667
Connor Allen	.000	3-0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	0-0	8	0	1	.889

Trent Taylor	.000	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.254	8	287	56	73	12	0	12	49	121	.422	37	16	81	3	.370	1	1	12-15	209	66	11	.962
Opponents	.270	8	289	61	78	16	1	12	56	132	.457	31	11	77	3	.361	1	0	5-6	216	77	9	.970

LOB - Team (70), Opp (62). DPs turned - Team (3), Opp (4). IBB - Team (0), Opp (1). Picked off - A Freeland 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bks	sfa	sha
Ben Vespi	0.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	5.2	5	1	0	2	6	1	0	0	.227	0	0	0	0	0
Nolan Lepkoske	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
Colton Gordon	1.64	1-0	2	2	0	0/0	0	11.0	12	6	2	2	12	3	1	0	.261	1	1	0	0	0
AJ Jones	3.60	1-0	2	2	0	0/0	0	10.0	8	4	4	2	17	1	0	2	.211	0	1	0	0	0
Zack Hunsicker	4.70	0-1	5	1	0	0/0	0	7.2	5	4	4	4	9	1	0	0	.185	2	0	0	0	0
Jack Sinclair	7.11	0-0	4	1	0	0/0	1	6.1	6	5	5	5	3	0	0	0	.240	0	3	0	0	0
David Litchfield	7.20	1-1	3	0	0	0/0	1	5.0	9	5	4	1	7	2	0	2	.346	0	1	0	0	0
Zack Bennett	7.27	0-1	4	0	0	0/0	0	8.2	10	11	7	3	8	1	0	2	.278	1	2	0	0	0
Billy McKay	9.00	0-1	5	0	0	0/0	0	4.0	6	5	4	1	2	1	0	1	.353	1	0	0	1	0
Nick Gottilla	12.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	4	4	4	2	3	2	0	0	.308	1	2	0	0	0
Hunter Patteson	17.55	0-1	2	2	0	0/0	0	6.2	11	13	13	5	8	4	0	3	.355	1	1	1	0	0
Ryan Saltonstall	20.25	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.1	2	3	3	2	2	0	0	2	.286	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6.46	3-5	8	8	0	0/0	2	69.2	78	61	50	31	77	16	1	12	.270	7	11	1	1	0
Opponents	6.62	5-3	8	8	0	1/1	0	72.0	73	56	53	37	81	12	0	12	.254	8	16	1	1	1

PB - Team (1), B McCabe 1, Opp (1). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (1). SBA/ATT - J Crouch (3-4), Z Hunsicker (2-3), B McCabe (2-2), Z Bennett (1-1), B Vespi (1-1), C Gordon (1-1).

2021 UCF BASEBALL
Overall Statistics for UCF (as of Mar 04, 2021)
(All games Sorted by Fielding pct)

Player	c	po	a	e	fld%	dp	sba	csb	sba%	pb	ci
Nick Romano	32	29	3	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
Gephry Pena	20	20	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Jordan Rathbone	14	14	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Tom Josten	13	9	4	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
Noah Orlando	2	1	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Zack Hunsicker	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	2	1	.667	0	0
AJ Jones	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Ryan Saltonstall	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Josh Crouch	54	45	8	1	.981	0	3	1	.750	0	0
Ben McCabe	51	48	2	1	.980	0	2	0	1.000	1	0
Matt Archer	26	8	17	1	.962	0	0	0	---	0	0
Alex Freeland	33	14	17	2	.939	3	0	0	---	0	0
John Montes	18	4	12	2	.889	1	0	0	---	0	0
Connor Allen	9	8	0	1	.889	2	0	0	---	0	0
Pablo Ruiz	7	6	0	1	.857	0	0	0	---	0	0
Ben Rushing	3	1	1	1	.667	0	0	0	---	0	0
David Litchfield	1	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Jack Sinclair	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Nick Gottilla	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Zack Bennett	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
Trent Taylor	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Ben Vespi	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
Colton Gordon	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
Nolan Lepkoske	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Hunter Patteson	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Billy McKay	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Totals	286	209	66	11	.962	3	5	1	.833	1	0
Opponents	302	216	77	9	.970	4	12	3	.800	1	0


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David Litchfield
rJr. • RHP

2
Matthew Archer
Fr. • INF

3
Nicholas Gotilla
Fr. • RHP

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Vince Bonanni
Fr. • RHP

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Trent Taylor
Jr. • UTL

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Thomas Josten
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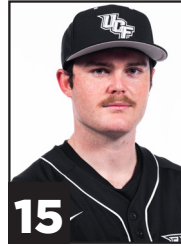
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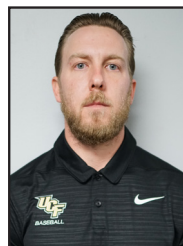
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Head Coach
2nd mound visit

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Nick Otte
Assistant Coach
1st mound visit

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Ted Tom
Assistant Coach
1st base

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Chris Cates
Assistant Coach

Stephen Branca
Director of Operations

Patrick O'Donnell
Athletic Trainer

Jeremy Fradin
Sports Performance

Bryan Hill
Equipment